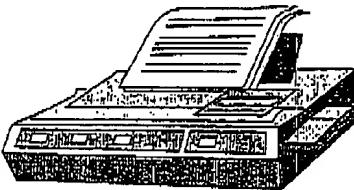


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Responsive to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002, amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Replace entirely with the appended Abstract

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 11-14 without prejudice.

Add the new claims 19-22:

19. (Newly submitted) A method of automatically configuring virtual private networks over a shared Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) network comprising: